

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for studying materials using machine implemented feedback techniques, the ~~steps~~ method comprising:

~~a person designating material for studying within a computer system to provide designated material;~~

~~the person processing said designated material within the computer system to create a set of queries, including:~~

~~the person selecting an item from the designated material within the computer system for learning; and~~

~~the computer system selecting a question from the set of queries for querying said person regarding said item, with said person queried regarding said item by posing said question;~~

a person designating study material on a computer system;

the person designating a specific portion of the designated study material on the computer system as the question and answer to a specific study question;

the person designating a segment of the designated question and answer as the answer to the specific study question;

the computer system designating the remaining non-designated segment of the designated question and answer as the question of the specific study question and reformatting the question to be in the form of a question;

the computer system displaying the designated question and answer, wherein the correct answer to the designated question is the answer designated by the person;

the person accepting the displayed designated question and answer or modifying the displayed question and answer and then accepting the modified question and answer;

the computer system storing the accepted question and answer;

the computer system querying a student with said ~~query~~ accepted questions;

the computer system gauging said person's response to said ~~queries~~ accepted questions according to said person's evaluation of an answer to said ~~queries~~ accepted questions; and

the computer system repeating accepted questions to re-querying said person according to said response; whereby, ~~with said student is person~~ is repeatedly queried regarding questioned about materials about which said person has a weaker understanding in preference to materials about which said person has a stronger understanding, wherein the person, and not the computer system, is determining whether or not the person's answers to the specific questions are correct.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 1, wherein ~~said step of~~ designating study material further comprises designating electronic or digital information materials selected from the group consisting of:

- digital text;
- student input; and
- scanned materials.

Claim 3 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 2, wherein said digital text is selected from the group consisting of:

- contents of a web site;
- a digital book;
- an electronic text file; and
- a file of electronic information.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 1, wherein ~~said step of~~ designating study material further comprises:

- designating material selected from the group consisting of:
 - fact-based materials;
 - fiction-based materials;
 - handwritten information including class notes;
 - pure equations;
 - jokes and stories;

expressed thought processes;
visually-based information;
audio-based information; and
audio-visual-based information.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 2, wherein said scanned material further comprises:
information scanned by a scanner.

Claim 6 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 5, wherein said scanner comprises a handheld scanner.

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 1, wherein ~~said step of determining selecting a question for querying said student~~ the question is selected from the group consisting of:

a drop-out question;
a true-false question;
a step-by-step multiple answer question;
a general knowledge question;
a multiple answer question;
a joke or story ~~question-question~~;
a summary or association question and
an equation question.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 1, wherein ~~said step of determining selecting a question for querying said person~~ the method further comprises:

indicating a portion of said designated material to be used as said question; and
indicating a portion of said designated material to be used as said answer.

the person and computer system repeating the method to create additional specific study questions that comprise a plurality of questions to be associated with the designated material.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim [[8]] 9, further comprising:

indicating a summary question after determining [[a]] the plurality of questions.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 8, further comprising:

indicating how information relates to material that the person has previously learned after determining a plurality of questions.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 10, wherein said plurality of questions further comprises:

approximately 4 to 8 questions.

Claim 13 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 12, wherein said plurality of questions is machine defined.

Claim 14 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 10, wherein said plurality of questions further comprises:

indicating a summary question after determining a number of questions.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 14, wherein said number of questions is selectable by said person.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 1, wherein said querying said person further comprises:

querying said person according to information supplied by said person, said information selected from the group consisting of:

- class and/or coursework information;
- coursework information;
- subject information;
- project information;
- prioritization of questions according to a likelihood of material to be tested; and
- evaluation of prior query performance.

Claim 17 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 16, wherein said prioritization of questions according to a likelihood of material to be tested further comprises:

- prioritization of questions according to a likelihood of material to be on a specific test.

Claim 18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 1, wherein said person's evaluation of said answer is selected from the group consisting of:

- incorrect, correct and easy, correct and difficult.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 1, wherein said step of gauging said person's response to said query further comprises:

- determining a type of learner said person is by analyzing said person's interaction with said query.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 20, wherein said step of re-querying said person further comprises:

- re-querying said person according to said type of learner said person is.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 1, further comprising:

designating backup information by the person, said backup information complementing said designated material, said backup information providing greater background for queries delivered to said person.

Claim 23 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 1, further comprising:

rating said designated material according to a possibility of being tested on said designated material.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 23, wherein said step of rating said designated material according to a possibility of being tested on said designated material further comprises:

said person conducting said rating.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 23, wherein said step of rating said designated material according to a possibility of being tested on said designated material further comprises:

rating said designated material according to a possibility of being tested on said designated material, a second person indicating said rating where said second person has or had experience with said material or a class using said material.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 25, wherein said step of rating said designated material according to a possibility of being tested on said designated material further comprises:

accumulating data from previous persons who have taken a same class and who designated and/or rated material according to a possibility of being on a specific test.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 1, wherein said step of querying a student further comprises:

providing entertainment subsequent to said query by the computer system.

Claim 28 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 27, wherein said query is a final query in a group of queries.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 27, wherein said step of providing entertainment further comprises:

providing entertainment based upon criteria selected from the group consisting of:

a profile associated with said person; and

a response evaluation arising from a prior entertainment.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 29, further comprising:

rating of said entertainment by said person.

Claim 31 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 27, further comprising:

providing advertisement in association with said entertainment.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 31, wherein said step of providing advertisement further comprises:

rating said advertisement by said person.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 32, wherein said step of rating said advertisement is selected from steps in the group consisting of:

rating said advertisement, said student indicating appeal of said advertisement; and

rating one of a product and service advertised by said advertisement, said person indicating appeal of said one of advertised product and service.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 1, further comprising:

sharing said query with a second person.

Claim 35 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 34, wherein said step of sharing said query is selected from steps in the group consisting of:

sharing said query over a computer network;

sharing said query by posting said query to a database of queries accessible by a computer network.

Claim 36 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 35, wherein said step of sharing said query further comprises:

limiting those with whom said query may be shared.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 1, wherein said step of processing said designated material to provide a query further comprises:

pre-processing coursework materials into the computer system to provide pre-processed coursework material for direct incorporation and use by said person; and

transmitting said pre-processed coursework material to said person.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 37, further comprising:

encrypting said pre-processed coursework material so that only said person may use said pre-processed coursework material.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 38, wherein said step of encrypting said pre-processed coursework material further comprises:

- providing an encryption code specific to said person; and
- encrypting coursework or other types of material to said person's encryption code.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 39, wherein said step of encrypting coursework or other types of material occurs at a time selected from the group consisting of:

- prior to said material being transmitted to the student, during transmission to the student, and after said material is transmitted to the person.

Claim 41 (currently amended): A method for studying educational materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques, the steps comprising:

- a person designating material for studying within a computer system to provide designated material;

- said designated material selected from the group consisting of digital text, student input, scanned materials, fact-based materials, fiction based materials, handwritten information including class notes, pure equations, expressed thought processes, jokes and stories, visually-based information, audio-based information, audio-visual-based information, and pre-processed coursework material;

- said digital text selected from the group consisting of contents of a web site, a digital book, and an electronic text file or other electronic information file;

- said scanned text further comprising printed or handwritten text scanned by a handheld scanner;

- the person processing said designated material within the computer system to create a set of queries, including:

- determining an item for learning present in said designated material by said person and determining a question by the computer system for querying the person

regarding said item so that said person may be queried regarding said item by posing said question,

said step of determining a question for querying said person selected from the group consisting of determining a drop-out question, determining a true-false question, determining a step-by-step multiple answer question, determining a general knowledge question, determining a multiple answer question, determining a joke or story question, determining a summary or association question and determining an equation question;

said step of determining a question for querying said person further comprising indicating a portion of said designated material to be used as said question and indicating a portion of said designated material to be used as said answer;

indicating a summary question after determining approximately 4-8 4 to 8 questions;

rating said designated material according to a possibility of being tested on said designated material, said person conducting said rating;

designating backup information, said backup information complementing said designated material, said backup information providing greater background for queries delivered to said person;

querying said person with said query and according to information supplied by said person, said information selected from the group consisting of class and/or coursework information, subject information, project information, prioritization of questions according to a likelihood of material to be tested, and evaluation of prior query performance;

providing a machine-generated hint when the person asks for a hint;

gauging said person's response to said query including determining a type of learner said person is by analyzing said person's interaction with said query and including gauging said person's response according to said person's self-evaluation of an answer to said query, said person's self-evaluation of said answer selected from the group consisting of incorrect, correct and easy, correct and difficult;

re-querying said person according to said response and according to said type of learner said person is and according to said person's self-evaluation of a prior answer to said query;

providing entertainment based upon criteria selected from the group consisting of a profile associated with said person and a response evaluation arising from a prior entertainment;

rating of said entertainment by said person;

providing advertisement in association with said entertainment;

rating said advertisement by said person, said rating of said advertisement selected from steps in the group consisting of rating said advertisement, said person indicating appeal of said advertisement, and rating a product or service advertised by said advertisement, said person indicating appeal of said advertised product or service;

selectively sharing said query with a second person, said query subject to limitations restricting those with whom said query may be shared, said sharing of said query selected from steps in the group consisting of sharing said query over a computer network and sharing said query by posting said query to a database of queries accessible by a computer network; whereby

said person is repeatedly queried regarding materials said person has weaker understanding in preference to materials said person has stronger understanding and allowing said person to learn study materials faster and more efficiently; and

wherein the person, and not the computer system, is determining whether or not the person's answers to the specific questions are correct.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 41, further comprising:

allowing said person to override any preference system and study all questions equally.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 41, wherein said step of processing said designated material to provide a query further comprises:

pre-processing coursework materials to provide pre-processed coursework material for direct incorporation and use by said person; and
transmitting said pre-processed coursework material to said person.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 43, further comprising:

encrypting said pre-processed coursework material so that only said person may use said pre-processed coursework material.

Claim 45 (currently amended): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 41, further comprising:

predesigned templates that have built-in functions to enhance learning and to help a person study;

helping a person place material to be learned into said templates where said person selects said material to be ~~learned~~; learned;

saving said material separate from the templates so that said material can be called up and placed in a proper template for study;

assigning portions of material selected by said person in unique colors;

showing said portions of said material to said person in said assigned colors;

allowing said person to select which learned information said person wants to keep active in said person's memory;

querying said person on said selected information at defined intervals, said intervals being definable by said person;

archiving information studied by said person so that it can easily be recalled by a machine at a later date and re-taught to said person in a same way as said person first learned said archived ~~information~~; information;

querying said person after said student has finished a test to determine what questions were on said test; and

using information derived from said post-test query to adjust teaching similar information to said person in the future.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 45, further comprising:

- taking results of 2 or more of said post-test queries and combining said post-test query information to develop a list of information other person's should learn who will take a same class in the future;

- securing said post-test query information and sharing it with selected person's; and

- allowing said person to select which learned information said person wants to keep active in said person's memory and querying said person on said selected information at intervals where said intervals are selectable by machine.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 45, further comprising:

- stimulating said person's understanding by asking said person to create summary questions;

- prompting said person to try to associate first information with second information that said person learned previously;

- said person selecting key information in a sentence or paragraph selected by said person;

- playing background music during said student's studying to improve retention and make studying more enjoyable and effective;

- recording, learning and cataloging jokes and stories;

- recording when and to what person or group a person told one of said jokes or stories; and

- cataloging and managing a selected list of said jokes and stories.

Claim 48 (currently amended): A method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques, the steps comprising:

- a user designating material for studying within the computer system to provide designated material;

- the user processing said designated material within the computer system to enable a learning or sharing purpose;

the computer system presenting the user with said processed designated material in an exhibition a template query;

selecting an item for learning present in said designated material and

determining an important portion of said item;

the computer system selecting a question for querying said user regarding said item, with said user queried regarding said item by posing said question in the template query;

the computer system gauging said user's response to said exhibition template query according to said user's evaluation of an answer to said template query;~~and~~

the computer system re-presenting said processed designated material to said user according to said response; whereby, with said user repeatedly presented with exhibitions template query regarding materials said user desires better familiarity in preference to other materials;~~and~~

wherein user, and not the computer system, determines whether or not the user answers the questions correctly.

Claim 49 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 48, wherein said step of designating material further comprises designating electronic or digital information materials selected from the group consisting of:

digital text;

user input; and

scanned materials.

Claim 50 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 49, wherein said digital text is selected from the group consisting of:

contents of a web site;

a digital book;

an electronic text file; and

a file of electronic information.

Claim 51 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 48, wherein said step of designating material further comprises:

designating material selected from the group consisting of:

fact-based materials;

fiction-based materials;

handwritten information including class notes;

pure equations;

jokes and stories;

expressed thought processes;

visually-based information;

audio-based information; and

audio-visual-based information.

Claim 52 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 49, wherein said scanned material further comprises:
information scanned by a scanner.

Claim 53 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 52, wherein said scanner comprises a handheld scanner.

Claim 54 (canceled)

Claim 55 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 48, wherein said step of determining important portion of said item further comprises:

determining a key word or phrase for use to automatically create a query.

Claim 56 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 48, wherein said step of determining a question for querying said user is selected from the group consisting of:

a drop-out question;

- a true-false question;
- a step-by-step multiple answer question;
- a general knowledge question;
- a multiple answer question;
- a joke or story question;
- a summary or association question; and
- an equation question.

Claim 57 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 48, wherein said step of selecting a question for querying said user further comprises:

- indicating a portion of said designated material to be used as said question; and
- indicating a portion of said designated material to be used as said answer.

Claim 58 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 57, further comprising:

- using said indicated question portion to create a query; and
- storing said query for future use, including use in a query session.

Claim 59 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 56, further comprising:

- indicating a summary question after determining a plurality of questions.

Claim 60 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 56, further comprising:

- indicating how information relates to material that the user has previously learned after determining a plurality of questions.

Claim 61 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 59, wherein said plurality of questions further comprises:

approximately 4 to 8 questions.

Claim 62 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 61, wherein said plurality of questions is machine defined.

Claim 63 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 59, wherein said plurality of questions further comprises:

indicating a summary question after determining a number of questions.

Claim 64 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 63, wherein said number of questions is selectable by said user.

Claim 65 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 48, wherein said step of presenting said user with an exhibition a template query further comprises:

querying said user according to information supplied by said user, said information selected from the group consisting of:

class and/or coursework information;

coursework information;

subject information;

project information;

prioritization of questions according to a likelihood of material for which knowledge is to be demonstrated; and

evaluation of prior query performance.

Claim 66 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 65, wherein said prioritization of questions according to a likelihood of material for which knowledge is to be demonstrated further comprises:

prioritization of questions according to a likelihood of material to be needed for a specific knowledge demonstration.

Claim 67 (canceled)

Claim 68 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 48, wherein said user's evaluation of said answer is selected from the group consisting of:

an indication of said answer being incorrect, an indication of said answer being correct, an indication of said answer being correct and easy, and an indication of said answer being correct and difficult.

Claim 69 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 48, wherein said step of gauging said user's response to said exhibition template query further comprises:

determining a type of learner said user is by analyzing said user's interaction with said exhibition template query.

Claim 70 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 69, wherein said step of re-presenting said designated material to said user further comprises:

re-presenting said designated material to said user according to said type of learner said user is.

Claim 71 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 48, further comprising:

designating backup information by the user, said backup information complementing said designated material, said backup information providing greater background for exhibitions template query presented to said user.

Claim 72 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 48, further comprising:

rating said designated material according to a possibility of needing to demonstrate knowledge on said designated material.

Claim 73 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 72, wherein said step of rating said designated material according to a possibility of needing to demonstrate knowledge on said designated material further comprises:

said user conducting said rating.

Claim 74 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 72, wherein said step of rating said designated material according to a possibility of needing to demonstrate knowledge on said designated material further comprises:

rating said designated material according to a possibility of needing to demonstrate knowledge on said designated material, a second user indicating said rating where said second user has or had experience with said material.

Claim 75 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 74, wherein said step of rating said designated material according to a possibility of needing to demonstrate knowledge on said designated material further comprises:

accumulating data from previous users who have familiarity with said designated material and who designated and/or rated material according to a possibility of being on a specific test.

Claim 76 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 48, wherein said step of presenting said user with an exhibition a template query further comprises:

providing entertainment subsequent to said exhibition template query.

Claim 77 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 76, wherein said step of providing entertainment subsequent to said exhibition template query further comprises:

providing entertainment subsequent to said exhibition template query after a designated period of time.

Claim 78 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 77, wherein said designated period of time is determined by a member of the group consisting of:

said user, a machine implementing the method for studying materials, another person, or another machine.

Claim 79 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 76, wherein said exhibition template query is a final exhibition template query in a group of exhibition template queries.

Claim 80 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 76, wherein said step of providing entertainment further comprises:

providing entertainment based upon criteria selected from the group consisting of:

a profile associated with said user and a response evaluation arising from a prior entertainment.

Claim 81 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 80, further comprising:

rating of said entertainment by said user.

Claim 82 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 76, further comprising:

providing advertisement in association with said entertainment.

Claim 83 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 82, wherein said step of providing advertisement further comprises:

rating said advertisement by said user.

Claim 84 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 83, wherein said step of rating said advertisement is selected from steps in the group consisting of:

rating said advertisement, said user indicating appeal of said advertisement; and

rating one of a product and service advertised by said advertisement, said user indicating appeal of said one of advertised product and service.

Claim 85 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 48, further comprising:

sharing said exhibition template query with a second user.

Claim 86 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 85, wherein said step of sharing said exhibition template query is selected from steps in the group consisting of:

sharing said exhibition template query over a computer network;

sharing said exhibition template query by posting said exhibition template query to a database of exhibition template queries accessible by a computer network.

Claim 87 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 86, wherein said step of sharing said exhibition template query further comprises:

limiting those with whom said exhibition template query may be shared.

Claim 88 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 48, wherein said step of processing said designated material to enable a learning or sharing purpose further comprises:

pre-processing materials to provide pre-processed material for direct incorporation and use by said user; and

transmitting said pre-processed material to said user.

Claim 89 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 88, further comprising:

encrypting said pre-processed material so that use said pre-processed material is limited.

Claim 90 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 89, further comprising:

encrypting said pre-processed material so that only said user may use said pre-processed material.

Claim 91 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 90, wherein said step of encrypting said pre-processed material further comprises:

providing an encryption code specific to said user; and

encrypting coursework or other types of material to said user's encryption code.

Claim 92 (previously presented): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 91, wherein said step of encrypting coursework or other types of material occurs at a time selected from the group consisting of:

prior to said material being transmitted to the student, during transmission to the student, and after said material is transmitted to the student.

Claim 93 (currently amended): A method for studying educational materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques, the steps comprising:

a user designating material for studying into a computer system to provide designated material;

said designated material selected from the group consisting of digital text, user input, scanned materials, fact-based materials, fiction based materials, handwritten information

including class notes, pure equations, expressed thought processes, jokes and stories, visually-based information, audio-based information, audio-visual-based information, and pre-processed material;

said digital text selected from the group consisting of contents of a web site, a digital book, and an electronic text file or other electronic information file;

said scanned text further comprising printed or handwritten text scanned by a handheld scanner;

the user processing said designated material within the computer system to enable a learning or sharing purpose, including determining an item for learning present in said designated material and the computer system determining an exhibition for presenting to a user regarding said item so that said user may be made familiar with said item by presenting said exhibition,

said step of determining an exhibition including determining a question for querying said user selected from the group consisting of determining a drop-out question, determining a true-false question, determining a step-by-step multiple answer question, determining a general knowledge question, determining a multiple answer question, determining a joke or story question, determining a summary or association question and determining an equation question;

said step of determining a question for querying said user further comprising indicating a portion of said designated material to be used as said question and indicating a portion of said designated material to be used as said answer;

indicating a summary question after determining approximately 4—8 4 to 8 questions;

rating said designated material according to a possibility of needing to demonstrate knowledge on said designated material, said user conducting said rating;

designating backup information, said backup information complementing said designated material, said backup information providing greater background for exhibitions presented to said user;

querying said user with said query and according to information supplied by said user, said information selected from the group consisting of class and/or coursework information,

subject information, project information, prioritization of questions according to a likelihood of material for which knowledge is to be demonstrated, and evaluation of prior query performance;

providing a machine-generated hint when the user asks for a hint;

gauging said user's response to said exhibition including determining a type of learner said user is by analyzing said user's interaction with said exhibition and including gauging said user's response according to said user's self-evaluation of said exhibition, said user's self-evaluation of said exhibition including and evaluation of an answer, said evaluation of said answer selected from indications of the group consisting of incorrect, correct and easy, correct and difficult;

re-presenting said exhibition to said user according to said response and according to said type of learner said user is and according to said user's self-evaluation of a prior response to said exhibition;

providing entertainment based upon criteria selected from the group consisting of a profile associated with said user and a response evaluation arising from a prior entertainment;

rating of said entertainment by said user;

providing advertisement in association with said entertainment;

rating said advertisement by said user, said rating of said advertisement selected from steps in the group consisting of rating said advertisement, said user indicating appeal of said advertisement, and rating a product or service advertised by said advertisement, said user indicating appeal of said advertised product or service;

selectively sharing said exhibition with a second user, said exhibition subject to limitations restricting those with whom said exhibition may be shared, said sharing of said exhibition selected from steps in the group consisting of sharing said exhibition over a computer network and sharing said exhibition by posting said exhibition to a database of exhibitions accessible by a computer network; whereby

said user is repeatedly presented with exhibitions regarding materials said user has weaker understanding in preference to materials said user has stronger understanding and allowing said user to learn materials faster and more efficiently and wherein the user, and not the computer system, determines whether or not the user answers the questions correctly.

Claim 94 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 93, further comprising:

allowing said user to override any preference system and review all exhibitions equally.

Claim 95 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 93, wherein said step of processing said designated material to enable a learning or sharing purpose further comprises:

pre-processing materials to provide pre-processed material for direct incorporation and use by said user; and

transmitting said pre-processed material to said user.

Claim 96 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 95, further comprising:

encrypting said pre-processed material so that only said user may use said pre-processed material.

Claim 97 (currently amended): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 93, further comprising:

predesigned templates that have built-in functions to enhance learning and to help a user study;

helping a user place material to be learned into said templates where said user selects said material to be ~~learned~~ learned;

saving said material separate from the templates so that said material can be called up and placed in a proper template for study;

assigning portions of material selected by said user in unique colors;

showing said portions of said material to said user in said assigned colors;

allowing said user to select which learned information said user wants to keep active in said user's memory;

querying said user on said selected information at defined intervals, said intervals being definable by said user;

archiving information studied by said user so that it can easily be recalled by a machine at a later date and re-taught to said user in a same way as said user first learned said archived ~~information. information;~~

querying said user after said user has finished a test or other demonstration of knowledge to determine what questions or materials were on said test or demonstration; and

using information derived from said post-test/demonstration query to adjust teaching similar information to said user in the future.

Claim 98 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 97, further comprising:

taking results of two or more of said post-test/demonstration queries and combining said post-test/demonstration query information to develop a list of information other users should learn who will require familiarity with similar materials in the future;

securing said post-test/demonstration query information and sharing it with selected users; and

allowing said user to select which learned information said user wants to keep active in said user's memory and querying said user on said selected information at intervals where said intervals are selectable by machine.

Claim 99 (original): The method for studying materials using machine-implemented feedback techniques of claim 97, further comprising:

stimulating said user's understanding by asking said user to create a summary;

prompting said user to try to associate first information with second information that said user learned previously;

said user selecting key information in a sentence or paragraph selected by said user;

playing background music during said user's studying to improve retention and make studying more enjoyable and effective;

recording, learning and cataloging jokes and stories;

recording when and to what person or group a user told one of said jokes or stories; and

cataloging and managing a selected list of said jokes and stories.

Claim 100 (currently amended): A method of designating parts of material to be processed and stored for user defined research, writing, speaking, and/or presentation purposes, the steps comprising:

the user designating material to be processed and stored within a computer system by the user to provide designated material;

the user processing said designated material to enable a learning or sharing purpose for one or more users to provide processed materials;

the user selecting an item from the designated and processed material for learning or sharing and identifying an answer to a specific question;

the computer system presenting the user with said item from said processed materials to provide an exhibition of said item from said processed materials to said user;

the computer system gauging said user's response to said exhibition according to said student's evaluation of an answer to said exhibition; and

the computer system re-exhibiting said processed materials to said user according to said response; whereby ,with said user repeatedly exposed to exhibitions regarding materials with which said user desires greater familiarity with and understanding in preference to materials with which said user does not desire greater familiarity with and understanding.

Claim 101 (currently amended): A method of designating parts of material to be processed and stored for user defined research, writing, speaking, and/or presentation purposes as set forth in Claim 100, further the steps comprising:

associating a unique title with said designated ~~material~~ material.

Claim 102 (original): A method of designating parts of material to be processed and stored for user defined research, writing, speaking, and/or presentation purposes as set forth in Claim 100, further the steps comprising:

associating a title with said designated material which is the same as that used for other designated materials.

Claim 103 (original): A method of designating parts of material to be processed and stored for user defined research, writing, speaking, and/or presentation purposes as set forth in Claim 100, further the steps comprising:

assigning a priority number to said designated material.

Claim 104 (original): A method of designating parts of material to be processed and stored for user defined research, writing, speaking, and/or presentation purposes as set forth in Claim 103, further the steps comprising:

using said priority number to organize said designated material for a specific purpose.

Claim 105 (currently amended): A method for assisting a user in developing a strategy for learning new information, the steps comprising:

providing designated material by the user for learning within a computer system;
the computer system providing a plurality of learning templates by which new information may be learned;

the user assigning one of said learning templates to said designated material;

the user selecting an item from the designated material for learning or sharing;

the computer system presenting the user with said item using the assigned template;
whereby, with said assigned template enabling said user to learn new information contained in said designated material and said user, and not the computer system, determines whether or not the user learns new information.

Claim 106 (original): A method for assisting a user in developing a strategy for learning new information as set forth in Claim 105, further the steps comprising:

said user assigning said learning template to said designated material.

Claim 107 (canceled)

Claim 108 (canceled)